

“normally ten sequences constitute a reasonable number for examination purposes” (MPEP § 803.04) and Applicants believe no serious burden would result by the search and examination of at least ten nucleotide sequences.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants submit that the restriction requirement is improper and therefore should be withdrawn. To facilitate prosecution, however, Applicants have provisionally elected, with traverse, SEQ ID NO: 1.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (314) 694-3602.

Respectfully submitted,



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